

TARIFF REFORM WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

**Balfour Declares Principles Underlying Budget
Will Decrease Welfare of Working Classes—
Britain's Naval Supremacy Threatened.**

(Special to the Times.)

London, Jan. 5.—A. J. Balfour, speaking at Hanley last night, said he would confine himself to the navy, socialism and tariff reform. He hoped and believed that Germany and England would not come into conflict, but said that the navy which she had not been in within the memory of living man, indeed her naval superiority on her own seas was threatened within the near future.

"I don't believe," he continued, "there is going to be war between this country and any great foreign power. Heaven knows I don't desire it, and I don't believe it, but please remember that absolutely the only way in which you can secure the peace which you all desire is that you shall be sure of victory if war takes place." (Cheers.)

The empire existed only on sufferance, he said, if her navy was not supreme. He was not content to exist on sufferance.

Mr. Balfour, continuing, alleged that Germany not connected with the government, but men of position and character when they heard tariff reform mentioned actually had the audacity to say: "Do you suppose that we should ever allow Great Britain to adopt tariff reform?" Without wishing to press private conversation excessively, he said this made his blood boil. It was nearly as necessary to organize our productive capacity as to make adequate organization for defence.

Socialism, and the budget was avowedly socialist, destroyed that confidence without which private enterprise was an absolute impossibility.

As to the tariff, in every country where a tariff has been applied there had been increases in both home and import trade. "That is why I say with such confidence that tariff reform, reasonably carried out, will greatly increase employment for the working classes, while the principles underlying the budget will greatly decrease the welfare of those same classes."

Mr. Balfour said that if the people neglected the chance which the courage and patriotism of the lords had given them they would bring on themselves deserved misfortune.

Concluding, Mr. Balfour said: "I believe that tariff reform from the viewpoint of inhabitants of Great Britain is by far the best way of raising revenue. It will give needed security to our producers, and I also look for its effect beyond the seas. Our fellow citizens overseas have given us preference freely, the value of which is unquestioned. They have given us a lead. Are you going to refuse to follow?"

He refused to associate himself with a party which, when invited by those who were their children to take this plain step for closer unity, repudiated with scorn the invitation.

Land Proposals.

The campaign enters on its last

phase with the Conservative leader putting emphasis on the party's land proposals. He believes that this policy, which, as previously explained, aims at creating a large class of proprietors of small holdings, will be more popular than Lloyd George's land taxes. In the new version, issued Monday, he says: "Liberals apparently think land ownership discreditable, except in the case of the Irish farmer. To make him a proprietor, British credit may be lividly employed, but a different policy is good enough for Britain. Hence possession of land is treated almost as unwelcome. Those who indulge in it shall be made to pay. Nothing shall be done to increase the number of owners." This is a rather clever way of dealing with the subject, for the English agricultural classes are already inclined to be jealous of the privileges of the Irish people.

Question of Duties.

Leader-baiting is the political sport of the moment. Mr. Balfour is an old hand at avoiding any premature disclosure of details of his policy, and nobody expects him to do what his political enemies demand in the angriest terms, namely, state exactly what duties he means to impose. "I will prescribe when called in, not before," is his invariable reply. The truth probably is that he has not fully made up his mind, beyond that the duties will be moderate and widespread. He will leave actual details to his chancellor of the exchequer, when appointed, acting on the advice of permanent officials.

It is understood that not a few schemes, fulfilling in part Mr. Chamberlain's ideas, are filed away in treasury pigeon holes with the imprimatur of some of the highest of British treasury officials of past years.

Now it is Premier Asquith's turn. Yesterday Sir William Anson, the eminent historian, repeated Lord Rosebery's insistent question: "What is your policy regarding the House of Lords?" Three ways have been suggested, namely, ending, mending, or bending. Mr. Asquith definitely disclaims ending, thus disappointing his Socialist and thorough-going Radical supporters. Also he refrains from supporting either Sir Edward Grey's or Lord Rosebery's proposal for mending, holding that it would run risk of making a second chamber so brainy, representative, and influential as to dwarf the importance of the Commons in the eyes of the electorate. Sir Edward Grey, nevertheless, last night stepped ahead of Mr. Asquith and argues in favor of an elective non-hereditary chamber.

Power of the Lords.

There remains the policy of bending, which means curtailing the powers of the Lords, while leaving the composition of the house alone. But how? A Radical member of parliament asserts that Mr. Asquith, speaking in the presence of the lords, said (concluded on page 4)



THE WIND-UP OF THE HOLIDAYS.

COUNTING CHANCES IN ELECTION

**BURNS AND BUXTON
WILL HAVE HARD FIGHT**

Other Members of Cabinet Considered to Hold Safe Seats.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 5.—With the beginning of the new year, the smouldering fire of the English political campaign has burst forth into a heat and a torrent of speech-making is pouring forth upon the country.

Out of the 688 aspirants, either already nominated or yet to be chosen for seats in the next parliament, there are few who are not worrying about their chances. They will not be opposed in their respective constituencies.

The absolute certainties are seven in number. Of these nine are Irish Nationalists and seven Irish Conservatives. The seventeenth is the Speaker, the Right Hon. James W. Lowther, of the House of Commons and of the constituency of Penrith. Lowther originally was a Conservative, but the theory is that, upon election of the Speaker, the member so honored becomes strictly non-partisan.

Several other members, while they have to fight for their places, are certain of re-election.

Premier Asquith assuredly will win in his old seat, East Fife. Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George cannot lose Carnarvon, and War Minister Haldane and Foreign Secretary Grey are safe in Haddington and Berwick respectively.

In fact, the only members of the cabinet who are in the least danger are President of the Local Government Board John Burns and Postmaster-General Buxton, respectively of the London wards of Battersea and Poplar. On account of the notorious uncertainty of London constituencies, these two will have to fight hard.

Most of the prominent Conservatives are confident of re-election. Arthur J. Balfour, Conservative leader, and Sir Frederick Brandby, the cunningest obstructionist in parliament, are absolutely certain of success. They are the two representatives from the city of London, a patch one mile square in the heart of the greater metropolis. It is the centre of the financial district, and, unlike the erratic outer London wards, it always is Conservative by 10,000 or 12,000 majority.

Chamberlain will dictate the seven Birmingham seats as usual.

The election of Jos. Chamberlain himself is largely a matter of complacency, as he has been too feeble to attend parliament for two years, and probably never will be seen at Westminster again. Although he was howled down at a recent meeting, in his own constituency of East Worcestershire, Jos. Chamberlain's son, Austin, is undoubtedly sure, at least in his father's opinion, of re-election. Otherwise, it is certain that the older man would see that he is taken care of in Birmingham.

The labor leaders, Arthur Henderson, Kelly Hardie, Macdonald and Barnes, will win easily.

SCOTLAND STANDS WHERE SHE DID

**IS ALMOST SOLID
FOR THE GOVERNMENT**

**Unionists Admit Proposal to
Tax Food is Unpopular.**

(Special to the Times.)

Edinburgh, Jan. 5.—Central officers of the Liberal party yesterday again expressed the opinion that politically Scotland stands as in the last House, almost solid for the government.

On the other hand, the Unionists, as elsewhere, admit the unpopularity of the proposed food taxes. Without them, they contend, tariff reform would have swept Scotland. They have had to stick to food taxes, they say, in the larger interests of the Empire. No system of preferential trade, in their view, would be possible without food duties. Even if the Liberals win, admit the Unionists, their majority will be so small as to create a condition of chaos, out of which, in the end, tariff reform will emerge triumphant.

This is a very fine theory, but Mr. Chamberlain's own view is that now or never is the time for victory. The advocacy of small land holdings under a land purchase act like Ireland's is being pressed to the front daily as the Unionist alternative to land value taxation.

Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his daily epistles, says the agriculturists want such legislation in order to enable them to become owners of the soil they till.

On the platform the Liberals are, however, all able to point to cases in which Chamberlain's allies among the Lords are driving men off the land. This vastly lessens the political value of the new cry.

CANADIAN CLUB WILL HEAR WM. MACKENZIE

**President of Canadian Northern
to Speak Here Tomorrow.**

William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad street hall. Frank I. Clarke, the secretary of the Canadian Club, received notification of Mr. Mackenzie's consent to do so only last night and he has had, therefore, but little time in which to make public announcement. All members of the club who desire to hear one of Canada's foremost citizens are asked to observe this notice in lieu of one through the mail from the secretary.

Tickets for the luncheon are now on sale at Hibben's and at the Victoria Book and Stationery store, Government street. Mr. Mackenzie arrived in the city last evening.

The tickets to members of the club will be 50 cents each.

COAL FAMINE NOW FEARED

**COLD WAVE DEMORALIZES
RAILWAY TRAFFIC**

**Two More Deaths Are Reported
in Western States.**

(Times Leased Wire.)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—The cold wave of the last few days, which has resulted in at least ten deaths in Western states and has partially tied up nearly every railroad, threatens to bring on a coal famine throughout the entire middle West.

Demoralized passenger trains have made necessary the moving of all passenger traffic ahead of freight, and this is held responsible for the non-delivery of coal in the larger cities of the affected section.

So serious is the situation that Superintendent Meyers, of the Milwaukee and St. Paul railway to-day ordered conductors to handle coal shipments ahead of all other kinds of freight, according to advices from Minneapolis. The first report of suffering from the coal situation came to-day from Iowa City. The Iowa University closed down on account of lack of fuel.

Besides the eight persons reported dead in Colorado and New Mexico, two other victims are reported to-day. Gerald Walker was found frozen to death in the hills near Judith Gap, Montana. A farmer named Isaacson perished of the cold on his farm near Couderay, Wisconsin.

Oscar Meljorn, of Bismarck, N. D., is believed to be dying as a result of being frozen while walking to that place.

Storm Moves Eastwards.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The snow and sleet storm which crippled industry in Colorado yesterday, moved eastward to-day. The middle West experienced one of the worst storms in recent years.

The damage caused by the storm was immense, although no fatalities have been reported. Wire communication was badly interrupted. In Chicago snow and wind closed a number of minor wrecks which soon rendered useless trains into the suburbs. Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma also experienced damage from snow and wind.

Serious Losses.

Salt Lake, Jan. 5.—R. E. Wells, general manager of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake road, stated to-day that from the meagre reports received here thus far he estimated the damage at about \$1,000,000. He was unable to state when traffic would be resumed. Fears are expressed for the safety of the inhabitants of three small villages in the canyon.

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The province last year received \$759,000 in succession duties.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Grand Trunk railway earnings for the period ending December 31st, increased \$121,975.

CANADIAN NORTHERN OFFICIALS ARE HERE

**Wm. Mackenzie, Who Arrived Last Evening, Says
Immediate Inquiries Will be Made Regarding
Vancouver Island Connection.**

Victoria has as guest to-day one of the foremost railway builders on the continent of America in the person of William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, who reached the city last evening. D. D. Mann, his distinguished partner, is expected to also reach the city to-day in company with Col. A. D. Davidson, land commissioner. F. H. Phippen, general counsel of the company, is here with Mr. Mackenzie, and they are guests at the Empress hotel.

The purpose of the visit is to confer with Premier McBride and his colleagues of the government, respecting

well for himself and Mr. Mann to come here to discuss all the details of the contract prior to the opening of the Legislature, and they were now here for that purpose.

Mr. Mackenzie displayed a keen interest in Vancouver Island, and asked particularly about the nature of the country which would be traversed on the route which would be followed from Victoria to Barkley Sound. He said that while here they would confer with Mr. Carlin and associates, who have a charter for the construction of a line from Victoria to Barkley Sound, regarding that enterprise, with the



WILLIAM MACKENZIE, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

the details of the contract for the extension of the Canadian Northern railway through British Columbia to the coast cities. The party expect to remain in the city for upwards of a week.

Messrs. Mackenzie and Phippen accorded an interview with a Times representative this morning at the Empress. The president of the Canadian Northern said there would, of course, be little for publication respecting the immediate plans of the company in regard to the railway enterprise until after the conference with the government. The government had thought it

idea of seeing on what terms the charter could be obtained by the Canadian Northern. The B. C. Electric Railway Company had, he said, been in communication with him respecting arranging for the construction of a pipe line in the right-of-way of the railway to Barkley Sound. While here a conference would be had with A. T. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway, on that point.

Mr. Mackenzie had heard that the route to Barkley Sound went through a very rough country, but that the timber resources were very valuable. (Concluded on page 12.)

IRON AND COAL MERGER ON COAST

**COMPANY WILL BE
CAPITALIZED AT \$20,000,000**

**Steel Plant at Irondale to Be
in Operation in Two
Months.**

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Confirmation of the reported Pacific coast coal and iron merger was given to-day by Herbert E. Law, first vice-president of the Western Steel Corporation, a new company which will be capitalized at \$20,000,000, and is composed of California, Washington and Canadian millionaires. In March the company's steel plant on Puget Sound at Irondale will be in active operation, according to Law. The officers hope to have the plant operating to its maximum capacity by 1912.

The assets of the Western company, said to be worth more than \$40,000,000, include iron deposits in Snohomish county, Washington, and on Vancouver Island, and coal deposits on Graham Island and at Ashford, Washington.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

New York, Jan. 5.—The marked increase in customs receipts on passengers' baggage under Wm. Loeb's collectorship, as already shown by monthly reports, was brought out in greater contrast by figures for the year, which were made public yesterday. The receipts for 1909 are nearly 120 per cent. greater than the combined receipts of 1907 and 1908.

VETERAN PASSES AWAY.

St. Catharines, Jan. 5.—R. Hoople, aged 89 years, a son of the first white man who ever piloted a steamship through the St. Lawrence river, and a veteran of the Mackenzie rebellion of 1837 and of the Fenian raid of 1866, in brief illness.

FOUR PERISH IN FIRE.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Linton Davidson, her two children, and Jos. Pacey were burned to death in a fire to-day in a stable over which they lived. The bodies were recovered; Pacey boarded with the Davidson family.

ELEVEN DIE FROM PTOMAIN POISONING

**Only One Member of Party
Which Partook of Peaches
Survives.**

(Times Leased Wire.)

Sawtelle, Cal., Jan. 5.—B. Preclado, aged 36, and his three-year-old daughter Virginia, died to-day, bringing the total number of deaths in the Valdez family from ptomaine poisoning up to 11. Mrs. B. Preclado, who was reported to be in a precarious condition, will recover. She ate but a small portion of the poisoned peaches on New Year's Eve before she noticed that it tasted strong. This saved her life. She is the only one of a party which sat down to the feast to survive. Relatives of the dead family conferred to-day and virtually decided to hold one funeral service over the last to die. The daughter Virginia succumbed in terrible agony shortly after four o'clock this morning, and two hours later he was dead. An autopsy was performed on the body of Mrs. A. Fernandez last night by Dr. Campbell, the coroner's physician. He stated that the deaths resulted from ptomaine poisoning. The fruit which contained the poison will be analyzed this afternoon.

SIXTY FISHERMEN ARE MISSING

**FISHING BOATS
SWEEP OUT TO SEA**

Marine and Fisheries Department Will Assist in Search for Men.

(Special to the Times.)

Halifax, Jan. 5.—The marine and fisheries department here is sending assistance to Whitehead to help in the search for the boats with men missing since yesterday when they were carried off shore in a gale.

Sixteen boats and 76 men belonging to Canoe and Whitehead were missing, but four Canoe boats with 16 men arrived at Canoe to-day. The Whitehead boats were further off shore when the gale struck them and carried them out to sea.

WOMAN AERONAUT INJURED.

Aeroplane Wrecked in Collision With Tree.

Chalons Sur Marne, Jan. 5.—Although badly bruised and shaken, it is stated to-day that Mme. De La Roche, who was injured while making a flight in a bi-plane yesterday when her machine collided with a tree, will recover. The aeroplane was destroyed.

IS IMPROVING.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Alphonse Pelletier, lieutenant-governor, whose illness has caused some anxiety, is rapidly improving.

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CLARK'S POTTED MEATS, for sandwiches, 4 tins for 25c
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TOWN'S ALMOST WIPED OUT.

Only One Store Left Standing—Residential Saved Through Work of Volunteer Firemen.

Lamont, Wash., Jan. 5.—The little town of Lamont, but a little more than a year old, was almost completely wiped off the map by a fire to-day. With the exception of one store, that owned by George Howell, the business

section is in ruins. The fire broke out at 8 o'clock this morning and fanned by a high wind spread rapidly. The town is without fire apparatus, and only the volunteers, badly hampered by the cold weather, prevented the flames from spreading to the residential section of the town. The loss amounts to about \$26,000. All of the owners of the burned buildings have expressed their determination to rebuild at once.

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SECURES ADJOINING LOT ON GOVERNMENT STREET

With Advent of New Year Activity in Real Estate Market Continues.

With the advent of the New Year the activity in the real estate market in Victoria shows no sign of abatement, but on the contrary has assumed an increased energy. Most of the dealers in realty are very optimistic for the future, and cite in justification for the present boom many reasons why Victoria should look forward to great development and progress this year. A feature of the present situation is the fact that "inside" property is rapidly changing hands, and it is significant that many of the larger interests in the city are increasing their holdings. Thus the Bank of Montreal, occupying one of the most desirable business sites in the city on the northwest corner of Government and Bastion streets, has just purchased the adjoining Government street lot on the north. This property, though only having a frontage of 16 feet, is very valuable, as the price paid testifies—\$24,000. The lot contains a two-story brick building, at present occupied by the B. C. Loan & Investment Co., and was owned by the Ward interests.

It is assumed that the Bank of Montreal has secured the property with the idea of holding the same as a site to allow of the enlargement of the present banking premises, as the lot is too small in area to permit of any separate fair-sized building to be erected.

TO ASSIST BEREAVED MOTHER AND CHILDREN

Father Killed in Explosion—Subscriptions Being Received.

A subscription for the benefit of Mrs. J. R. Williams and her family of four little children, who were bereaved in October last, has been opened, and subscription lists are now ready for signature at both the Colonist and the Times offices, and Mrs. W. H. Hall is taking an earnest share in the work of raising funds to assist the bereaved family.

The circumstances which deprived Mrs. Williams and her family of the support of her husband are these: During October last Mr. Williams was employed on excavation work on Fort street, where an explosion of a blast so severely injured him that he succumbed to his injuries shortly after.

Mrs. Williams was suddenly and pathetically left with four small children to support, besides the expenses of her husband's illness and death. These she has endeavored to maintain to the best of her ability. The strain of the fatality and other circumstances have, however, been such that she and her little children are now in straightened circumstances.

Mrs. W. H. Hall and friends have helped the family materially, and have now opened a subscription list to allow those who would otherwise be unaware of the needs of Mrs. Williams and her family to subscribe. The list was opened this morning by Mayor Hall making a donation. Subscriptions will be received and added on the list if sent or brought to the Times office.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY FLOODS

Inhabitants of Oregon Town Suffer Intensely From the Cold.

(Times Lensed Wire.) Paisley, Ore., Jan. 5.—There is little change in the flood situation here to-day, the town being virtually frozen in an ice floe. The Chequamegon river is still on a rampage and is carrying flood debris through the principal streets of the town. Encamped on an eminence several feet above the high water mark, Paisley's citizens are watching the water ravage their homes. The only thing that will prevent great financial loss is a quick thaw. Zero weather prevails and residents driven from their homes are suffering intensely from the cold.

To-morrow the meetings of the week of prayer will be addressed in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and in the evening in the Church of Our Lord, by J. L. Beckwith and R. S. Day. The subject for special thought to-morrow will be "Foreign Missions." All friends and strangers are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

"My life and comfort as a bishop depend very much on the way my collar is prepared—whether it is wrinkled or not," said the Bishop of Truro at the prize-giving of the Truro High school. "It is curious that the simple matter of folding two pieces of linen should be apparently so difficult."

BUDGET HAS NOT SCARED CAPITAL

ASQUITH RIDICULES UNIONIST CRITICISM

Premier Denies Business in Old Country is on Verge of Ruin.

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 5.—There were four thousand meetings held in Great Britain last night, the majority of them Unionist. Seven cabinet ministers, including the premier and chancellor of exchequer, several members of the front opposition bench, including Mr. Balfour, and twenty-three peers, were amongst the orators. Never since the days of Simon de Montfort, said Mr. Asquith at Brighton, had so many peers addressed the people. He did not complain. If they continued to spend the same volume of words the Liberals might hold their tongues.

The new duties, he said, were not levied on property as such, but on the values created by the community, which had hitherto escaped. He asked if the state was not entitled, indeed not bound, to demand toll from a man who for his own purposes kept in an undeveloped state land which probably the community needed, and upon which the community might thrive. That was what the budget proposed to do. It was true these proposals included the valuation of land, and that was where the shoe pinched. They would find that if they had sound and equitable valuation there would be other problems which would be found easier of solution than they were now. He ridiculed the statement that confidence had been shaken and business was on the verge of ruin. Public applications for new capital were higher in 1909 than in any year except 1908.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

Two Men Are Killed, While Five Others Sustain Serious Injuries.

(Times Lensed Wire.) Cascade Locks, Ore., Jan. 5.—Two men were killed and five seriously injured early to-day in the wreck of two extra freight trains on a curve three miles east of this place on the Oregon railway. A dense fog was partly responsible for the accident. The dead, T. H. Carson, cattleman, and unidentified immigrant burned to death. The injured, T. B. Moore, Surge, Ore., leg broken, internally injured; McLean, cattleman, arm broken and internal injuries; G. Hanley, cattleman, internal injuries, may not recover; Bert Hallan, the Dalles, brickman, leg broken. The wreck was caused by the extra freight No. 192, running into extra freight No. 300. The caboose in the latter train caught fire from an overturned stove and this and the immigrant car were destroyed.

FIVE PERISH IN FLAMES. Burned to Death in Fire Which Destroyed Their Home.

Burnside, Ky., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Mary Carter and her daughter, Mrs. Jones, with three children, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the home at Slavons, Wayne county, according to word received here to-day.

PIONEER OF PROVINCE DIED LAST EVENING

Edwin John, of Saanichton, Passed Away After Few Days' Illness.

In the death of Edwin John at the St. Joseph's hospital last evening another pioneer of British Columbia has passed away. The late Mr. John succumbed to an operation for peritonitis after a few days' illness. He was born at Llantrisant, Glamorganshire, Wales, on October 7th, 1829. The deceased immigrated to America with his wife and oldest son in 1851, settling in Pennsylvania. Mr. John, like many other pioneers, was seized with the gold fever, coming to California via Nicaragua in 1854. The deceased followed the gold mines for the next ten years, both in California and Nevada, leaving California in 1964 Mr. John accompanied the gold rush to Cariboo, where he remained until 1869. Mr. John located in Saanichton upon leaving Cariboo, purchasing the property he farmed until the time of his death. The deceased was a firm believer in the future of British Columbia and Vancouver Island in particular. Mr. John was preceded in death by his wife, one son and one daughter, his partner in life, predeceased him, by some twenty-seven years. Two sons and one daughter are left to mourn his loss. B. H. John, of this city; E. R. John, of Saanichton, and Mrs. Jas. F. Fell, of Victoria.

The funeral will take place at Saanichton on Friday afternoon, leaving the home at 1:30 o'clock and proceeding to St. Stephen's cemetery, where the interment will take place. Flowers left at the office of the B. C. Funeral Company, Government street, will be delivered.

Robert Ward, now of London, England, who for the past two months has been revisiting the scenes of his youth in Victoria, where he was also for many years one of the leading business men, leaves for home this evening.

FIRST JUDGMENT IN COURT OF APPEAL

Conviction Upheld in Crown Case From Kootenay Court.

In the Court of Appeal this morning the criminal appeal in Rex vs. Stickler was concluded. The appellant was condemned to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Wilson at Cranbrook, on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. He purported to sell a diamond to one Dunlop, but in the result the complainant found that he had not received the stone which was offered him. J. A. Harvey, K. C., for appellant, contended that certain evidence was improperly admitted, while Deputy Attorney-General Macdonald, argued in support of the conviction. Their lordships, rendering their first judgment, upheld the conviction. This afternoon's argument is being heard in the reserved case granted in Rex vs. Lum Man Bow.

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DIED. JOHN—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 4th inst., Edwin John, of Saanichton, B. C., aged 80 years, a native of Llantrisant, Glamorganshire, Wales. The funeral will take place on Friday at 1:30 p. m. from the late residence, Saanichton, and later at St. Stephen's cemetery. Friends will kindly accept this intimation. Flowers left at the office of the B. C. Funeral Company, 3018 Government street, will be delivered.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

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To the Electors of the City of Victoria: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for re-election as School Trustee at the forthcoming Municipal Elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

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FOR ALDERMAN IN WARD FIVE

To the Electors: Ladies and Gentlemen—I beg to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman in the above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

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To the Electors of Oak Bay Municipality: I am offering myself as a candidate for the position of school trustee in the belief that I can serve the district well in that capacity. I have spent a number of years in the teaching profession, and shall if elected do my best to keep the schools in a high state of efficiency.

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MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ACTIVE

PROTEST AGAINST THE NAVAL SCARE

Lord Dundonald Points Out Danger Which Threatens Country.

London, Jan. 5.—The disparity of oratorical strength between the two parties was never more emphasized than Monday night, when Premier Asquith at Haddington, Sir Edward Grey at Embleton, Mr. Burns and Mr. Macnamara at Battersea, Mr. Birrell at Bristol and Mr. Runciman at Dewsbury urged the value of the budget, condemned protection and protested against the naval scare, while on the Conservative side, Austin Chamberlain was only not an unworthy speaker. It is well indeed for the Conservatives that the rank and file are fighting their cause with such vim and that their leaflets flood the country and their posters cover every hoarding. Liberal speakers are making some capital of Lord Hugh Cecil's admission: "It is quite true that if the Lords habitually or even frequently rejected budgets, it would disorder the working of the constitution." They praise his intellectual honesty and ask the electors if they are going to let it rest with a hereditary chamber whether the government of the country is to be thrown into disorder, and how often. Conservatives complain of rowdiness. They are getting it especially in London, and declare it is organized. They

also blame Lloyd George for persistently using violent language. Some of the points made in Monday night's speech were: Premier Asquith declared that neither he nor his friends knew what Mr. Balfour was getting at. Sir Edward Grey emphasized the efficiency of the government. Mr. Birrell said he had never known the Liberals to be in better shape and declared for, nominated second chamber with no veto. Austin Chamberlain at Haddington acceptably preached tariff reform. Mr. Balfour, former premier of Western Australia, said that much had been said about the indignation which was supposed to exist in the over-seas dominions against the Lords, but he could not do otherwise, on behalf of the over-seas dominions, than give that an utter denial. They were not concerned in any quarrel of either one house or the other. What concerned them was the question of fair trade as against free trade. The cost of living in Australia was higher, but there was not the same ratio of wages compared with Great Britain. Andrew Bonar Law, at Dulwich, said that unemployment was now two per cent, worse than the average under Unionist governments. The arguments of the chancellor of the exchequer only proved that no government, however dangerous, under any fiscal system, and however bad, could keep us always at the very lowest depths of depression or prevent us getting some small share of the general trade revival which was now in full swing. Lord Dundonald in speaking of Balfour's articles on Germany's war preparations as compared with Great Britain, "pointed out in clear language the danger threatening this country. He had considerable knowledge of Germany himself. He liked the people, and he admired the emperor, but the emperor was all powerful, and he and the ruling caste wanted colonies, where the surplus population could increase and multiply under the German flag." Lord Talbot said the navy was being

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neglected by the government. He did not blame the members individually. Taking them as a whole, he admitted they were as keenly in earnest for an adequate navy as himself, but they were handicapped and weakly.

Sir Gilbert Parker, at Gravesend, referred to the port of London bill, which was introduced by a Liberal government. It provided for the upkeep of the port out of taxes imposed upon imports entering the port. If these taxes were imposed for the benefit of London, why were not similar taxes imposed for the benefit of the whole Empire? It is admitted on all hands that unemployment was a terrific evil, yet Mr. Asquith merely offered Borne Rule, Welsh disestablishment and veto of the Lords.

DRUGGIST SENT TO JAIL

Toronto, Jan. 5.—F. E. Kari, druggist at Victoria and Queen streets, convicted for allowing girls to come into his place for improper purposes, was sentenced yesterday to six months in jail.

IS IMPROVING

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Alphonse Pelletier, lieutenant-governor, whose illness has caused some anxiety, is rapidly improving.

There are 27,000 more men than women in Australia.

MORE TRUST COMPANIES LIKELY TO BE MERGED

Morgan and Associates May Control \$210,000,000 in Deposits Alone.

New York, Jan. 5.—J. Pierpont Morgan and associates may control through further trust company mergers in New York now under consideration the enormous sum of \$210,000,000 in deposits alone. This is approximately \$25,000,000 more than the deposits of the National City Bank of this city, the largest financial institution in the United States. Reports of additional trust company consolidations are given credence in view of Monday's announcement of the merger by J. Pierpont Morgan, of the Guaranty Trust Co., the Morton Trust Co. and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company, with combined deposits of about \$150,000,000. This brought a revival in the financial district of rumors that the Bankers' and Manhattan Trust Companies are in the same combination. There were also definite rumors that the Mercantile Trust Co. and the Equitable Trust Co. will eventually be taken into some sort of powerful alliance. Deposits of the Bankers' Trust Co. aggregate \$46,500,000 and those of the Manhattan Trust Co. \$13,400,000.

CONSERVATIVE GATHERING Committee of Arrangements Will Meet at Ottawa This Month

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The majority of the committee on preliminary arrangements for the Conservative national convention which is to take place next September have been appointed, though some nominations remain to be made.

The committee will be convened at Ottawa on January 24th at 10 a. m. The members of the committee so far are: Alberta—R. B. Bennett, J. D. Hyndman, Senator J. A. Loughheed, C. A. Magrath, M. P. British Columbia—R. F. Green, J. T. Robinson, Martin Burrell, M. P., J. D. Taylor, M. P. Manitoba—A. H. Carroll, George Lawrence, M. L. A., Hor. H. J. Macdonald, Hon. Robert Rogers, Dr. Schaffner, M. P., W. D. Staples, M. P. New Brunswick—G. F. Gagnon, W. P. Thorne, Senator Wood, O. S. Crockett, M. P. Ontario—Hon. Frank Cochrane, H. Corby, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Dr. Kelcey.

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TWO NEW REGIMENTS.
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Official authorization of the formation of the two new regiments for Winnipeg, the Highlanders and Grenadiers, has been received at the office of Col. Steele. The work of organization will now be proceeded with in earnest and be properly completed in the near future. The Highland regiment will be five hundred strong and the Grenadiers four hundred strong.

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COMBINES AND CONSUMERS.

Now it is the unassuming and industrious, and it must also be said enterprising, milkman who looms up conspicuously in the limelight. The correspondent of the newspapers is chastising him with scorpions. Yet we are not sure that the milkman is so very much to blame. He has found out the advantages of organization. In that respect he is not unique in this long-suffering community. Others have beaten the path for him, and have not incurred the censure which has fallen upon his back. After all, when men find out by experience that all they have to do in order to accomplish a certain purpose is to meet together and pass resolutions, and let the thing be done, why should they be roundly rated for making the most of their opportunities? How many of us would be proof against temptation under such circumstances? Of course there must be a limit to such methods of eliminating competition and circumventing the economic laws of supply and demand, even if there were not condensed milk factories dotting the land and their products to be found in every grocery and supply store. If there are milkmen to be made in the vending of milk, as some correspondents of the Times seem to believe, the inevitable result ought to be a rush of fortune-hunters into the dairy business—and then we should see that which we have all professed a desire to behold accomplished: a rush of people to take up land. And what applies to the dairy branch is equally applicable to every other branch of the agricultural industry.

But very few of us are disposed to pay top prices for such a prime necessity of life as milk for the purpose of bringing about the rapid settlement of the land on Vancouver Island. For that reason we grasp eagerly at the suggestion that the milkmen who supply Victoria have brought themselves within the meshes of the law against combinations by meeting together and

by resolution materially increasing the prices of their product. There is no question that there is an act-on-the-statute book covering just such cases, and, in order to make that law of real force, the government is making provisions for the payment of the expenses of all persons who invoke the law and make out a prima facie case against the parties or the organizations accused of forming combines for the purpose of unduly raising prices.

At the same time there is something more than a suspicion in the public mind that milkmen are not the only nor the worst offenders in Victoria or neighborhood against the anti-combine law and against the interests of consumers. If the provincial government of this province had the true interests of the great body of the people at heart instead of having but one idea and ambition to get in, and when in to stay in—by thoroughly investigating and probing and exposing reifer would speedily be afforded of what value are our boasted natural resources, from a public point of view, when they are permitted to fall into the hands of corporations? If conditions were imposed regulating prices to be charged for products which are among the most important necessities of life, the lack of system which obtains would not call for such unqualified condemnation. But when resources, originally the property of the people, are developed here, and sold abroad at prices below the cost to the local consumer, surely the time ought to have come for the adoption of remedial measures.

PROVINCIAL POLITICAL REFLECTIONS.

Now that the holiday season is at an end, the "glad hand" is beginning to cool off, and the business of life has become normal, perhaps we shall be excused for bestowing a minute or two to the consideration of matters which we expect to occupy a considerable deal of our attention for three or four years—the administration of provincial affairs by the McBride government. Although the Premier has been returned to power with a record majority; that fact does not render it immune from criticism, providing such criticism be fair and reasonable—qualities which, we submit, have always been characteristic of our attentions to our esteemed political friend and contemporary the Premier. Indeed, the opposition being insignificant numerically constitutes the strongest possible reason for critical observation of the doings of the government.

The Legislature is to meet on the 20th inst. in about two weeks. Premier McBride has been elected to represent two constituencies. We assume that he will nominate Victoria as his seat for the next four years, or for whatever term he may fix as the life of the legislature. That is a point which of course cannot be cleared up until a speaker is elected and there is an authority to receive his resignation of either Yale or Victoria. The opposition at Ottawa has been making a great to-do about Sir Wilfrid Laurier sitting in two seats, Quebec East and Ottawa. We assume, therefore, that such a free Conservative as Mr. McBride will not violate the principle laid down by his friends in the East and deprive a constituency for a single day longer than is necessary of its right to full legislative representation. His resignation of either Victoria or Yale will be handed in to Mr. Speaker immediately the House assembles and a fully organized for the dispatch of business.

There is a vacancy in the Cabinet. The Attorney-General is acting Finance Minister. Hon. W. J. Bowser is no doubt an able man in his own special field of the law, but he is not a financier. Nor do we think the province would be well pleased to have him undergo the training necessary to make a competent Minister of Finance. Besides the vacancy in the Cabinet ought to be filled in accordance with the requirements of the constitution. This is a matter to which the Premier ought to give his attention before the Legislature assembles. There are no technical rules to be observed to bring this about. There may be political obstacles in the way, but surely such should not count when the government has a majority of thirty-seven in a House of forty-two members. If Mr. McBride is experiencing any difficulty in making a selection, we beg to nominate the Hon. the President of the Council for the post. He is a man in whom the people of the province have great confidence, and we believe the selection of Mr. Carter-Cotton would be acceptable to a larger number of persons than any other choice the Premier could make. Mr. Cotton is a cautious man, a Conservative in the real sense of the word, and with such an unwieldy majority behind it the government ought to have a minister of the type of Captain Tallow in charge of the treasury.

We understand that the government has had in its service for some time one of the most competent mathematicians or statisticians in the known world, that under his supervision a system of appointment, promotion and equitable remuneration for the provincial civil service has been prepared and that it has been accepted and adopted by the government. That measure, the Times was assured, was going to "take the provincial civil service out of politics." Knowing the character of the government, knowing

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that its life depends absolutely upon everything in connection with the administration of the affairs of the province being turned to political account. We were sceptical. Our unbelief has been justified already. A vacancy occurred in the civil service through the regrettable illness of a valued member of the staff in the assessment department. Was the position of Mr. Worsfold as assessor for the Victoria district filled by the promotion of another member of the staff qualified by experience and proved competence for the discharge of his important duties? The government does not transact the public business with a single eye to the benefit of the public. The chief end of the civil service, as of everything else with which the McBride government has to do, is to convince faithful "workers" that their reward is sure. We do not know anything about the qualifications of Mr. E. E. Leeson for the post of assessor. What we do know is that Mr. Leeson's experience hitherto has been in the management of hotels, the conduct of cigar manufactories and the direction of Tory political campaigns. These occupations are useful and necessary in the affairs of life, but experience in them can hardly be accepted as fitting a man for the position of assessor in the service of the province.

Mr. Balfour is making an adroit, if somewhat dangerous, use of the admitted German hostility to the adoption of protection in Great Britain. The fact that the principal industrial competitor of the British nation regards with anxiety the proposed departure from the free trade principles of half a century constitutes a plausible argument in favor of tariff reform and it is but natural for the leader who is himself doubtful of the soundness of the protectionist position to make the most of it. But the point the people of Great Britain have to consider is not the effect of the adoption of a new system upon Germany or any other nation, but the possible effect upon their own fortunes.

There are favorable signs in the municipal firmament. In addition to four candidates in the field for the Mayorship, the roster of Aldermanic aspirants is filling up rapidly. There may not be any comets in the procession, but the electors will have wide opportunities for selection of the fittest, and we anticipate one of the very best councils Victoria has ever had.

What Other People Think.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

To the Editor:—I wish to correct two statements made by M. Leslie-Melville in his letter to your paper of this evening re isolation hospital. The caretaker and his wife have nothing whatever to do in diagnosing cases. When a patient has his own doctor, as in this case, it is quite incorrect for the health officer to examine him. At that time I was in charge of the measles cottage.

LILIAN GOWARD.

Victoria, Jan. 4th, 1910.

MILK AND OTHER THINGS.

To the Editor:—As an addenda to the excellent letter of "Condensed Milk" in the Times of 2nd inst., might I suggest that four humane milkmen, north, south, east and west of the city, should enrol themselves as anti-combines, when, like some grocers, they would be sure of driving a roaring business. They would certainly gain the respect and custom of every person not a milkman for saving children from degenerating into puny weaklings and untimely death, from cupidity and greed. It has been a lifelong ambition of mine to be a successful capitalist, but I have only succeeded in failure. However, I am still equal to making a suggestion to be improved upon by the gifted man who delights your readers so often in the Times, I e., to represent the terrible milk cost and meat men joyously trampling the vitality out of helpless children and dependent parents, whilst the cows of the milkman in the background are increasing the flow of milk by foraging on the plots and gardens of these long-suffering people. We frequently have to grin and bear these oft-occurring "rises" in milk, etc., but they don't come down again when the cause of the "rise" no longer exists, if it ever did exist.

CONDENSED MILK II.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the King's Daughters' rooms, Fort street, instead of on Thursday of next week, owing to that day being election day.

Remarkable Bargains in Ladies' Costumes at Our January Sale

Reg. \$14.50 to \$75 for \$7.50, \$13.75 and \$19.50

There remains only one month to clear out our entire stock of Ladies' Costumes and Jackets, and we have reduced the price to such an extent as to make doubly sure of a clean sweep. Regular values \$14.50 to \$75. January Sale, \$7.50, \$13.75 and \$19.50. **\$7.50**

Every costume is the season's very latest effect, beautifully tailored and finished in the season's most pronounced materials.

Ladies' Jackets Greatly Reduced

Regular values \$10, for **\$5.00**
Regular \$12.50 to \$17.50, for **\$7.50**
Regular \$18.75 to \$25.00, for **\$12.50**
Regular \$27.50 to \$35.00, for **\$17.50**
Regular \$40.00 to \$75.00, for **\$22.50**

This is one of the best bargains offered. We are placing on sale every jacket and at a price which means sure clearance. Newly every style and material is represented in this superb gathering and we venture to say that these bargains will keep everybody busy. Second Floor.

A Clearance Sale of Children's Coats

Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, for **\$2.50**
Regular \$7.50 to \$10.00, for **\$4.75**
Regular \$5.50 to \$6.50, for **\$3.50**
Regular \$12.50 to \$17.50, for **\$6.75**

Every mother should take advantage of such splendid bargains as the above prices denote. They include the very latest models in serges, diagonals, in plain and stripe effects, smartly tailored in styles, and will captivate everybody.

Attractive Prices on Ladies' Raincoats

We are making a very unusual reduction in Women's Raincoats and it will pay every lady wishing one to be here early. There will be plenty of opportunity for a good Raincoat to become useful, and at these prices every woman can have one. They include Heptontettes, Rubberized Silk and Rainproof Cloths.

Regular \$17.50 to \$20.00, January Sale **\$9.75**
Regular \$22.50 to \$25.00, January Sale **\$12.50**
Regular \$30.00 to \$37.50, January Sale **\$16.75**

Ladies' Neckwear

FANCY COLLARS AND COLLARETTES of lace, lawn, silk and duchesse satin—

Values up to 75c **25c**

Values up to \$1.75 **50c**

FANCY SILK CORD TIES, with fancy beaded, tassel ends.

Regular 50c. Sale price **25c**

FANCY DUCHESSE SATIN COLLARS, trimmed gilt buckles.

Regular 50c. Sale price **25c**

FANCY LACE STOCK COLLARS, in white and ecru. Regular

35c and 50c. Sale price **25c**

FANCY LAWN COLLARS, trimmed insertion and Val. lace.

Regular 35c and 50c. Sale price **25c**

LAWN AND LINEN DUTCH COLLARS, trimmed Irish

lace, slightly soiled. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. Sale price **50c**

FANCY GIPURE LACE COLLARETTES, suitable for yokes,

etc., white and ecru. Values up to \$1. Sale price **50c**

FANCY COLLARS, trimmed lace and net buttons. Values up

to \$1. Sale price **50c**

FANCY DUCHESSE SATIN COLLARS, trimmed neat gilt

buckles, 75c and \$1. Sale price **50c**

FANCY COLLARS, of net chiffon and silk. Values up to

\$1.75. Sale price **50c**

FANCY LAWN STOCKS, with jabot to match, neatly embroidered.

Value up to \$1.75. Sale price **50c**

Five Special Lines From the Ladies'

Hosiery

WOMEN'S PLAIN AND RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, of

good quality pure cashmere, full fashioned and seamless,

double heel and toe. Sale price, pair **50c**

BOYS' HEAVY RIBBED WOOL HOSE, made without seam,

very elastic rib, reinforced heel and toe, extra strong for

school wear. Sizes 6½, 7, 7½ and 8. Sale price **25c**

CHILDREN'S 2-1 RIB WORSTED HOSE, seamless feet, fast

black. Sizes 6 and 6½ only. Sale price **15c**

WOMEN'S PLAIN AND RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, of

good, useful quality, without seam, well reinforced at heel

and toe, absolutely fast dye. Sale price **25c**

WOMEN'S PLAIN AND RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, nice

and soft in quality, seamless, high spliced ankles. Sizes 8½,

9, 9½ and 10. Sale price **35c**

Reg. \$10 to \$25, January Sale, \$7.50

Just think for a moment what this means to your pocketbook.

They are made of fine quality black silk, exceptionally well

made. The regular values run from \$10 up to \$25. Yet to

clear them out we have marked them down to one price

\$7.50

Silks at January Sale Prices

HEAVY GEISHA SILK, self colors and

checks, stripes, etc., suitable for dresses,

blouses or evening costumes, in plain

light colors. Regular 75c. January

Sale **50c**

SELF-COLORED PONGEE SILKS, 26 in.

and 34 in. wide. Blues, browns, greens,

fawns, tan, red, rose, old rose, royal.

Regular 75c and \$1. January Sale, per

yard **50c**

20-inch, FANCY STRIPED LOUSINE

SILK, a very strong texture, but dainty

and delicate in colorings and effects,

white with blue, white with grey, white

with mauve, white with Nile. An ex-

cellent blouse material. Regular 75c.

January Sale **50c**

23-inch MORETTE SILK, for petticoats,

opera coat linings, or coat linings also

nice striped satin sleeve lining. Value

75c. January Sale **50c**

50c and 75c Silk January

Sale, per yd., 25c

BIG BARGAIN, comprising Pongee Silks,

in stripes, 27 in. wide, Geisha Silks in

stripes and checks, 20 in. wide, White

Silk Paillette. Regular 75c. January

Sale, per yard **25c**

JAPANESE TAFFETA SILK, 27 in. wide,

spots and stripes, in brown and white,

and white and black. Regular 65c. Jan-

uary Sale, per yard **25c**

20-in. SELF-COLORED ORIENTAL SAT-

INS, pink, blues, greens, cardinal, scar-

let, rose, old rose, vieux rose, navy,

brown, plum. Regular 90c. January

Sale **50c**

Very many of the colors have full dress

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22-in. PLAIN SELF-COLORED VEL-

VETEENS, as reseda, fawn, navy, black,

royal, brown, grey, sky, blue, scarlet.

Regular 65c and 75c. January Sale **50c**

24-in. BORDERING VELVETEENS, self

colors, navy, three shades brown, terra

cotta, cardinal, royal, black, mid-grey.

Good value 85c. January Sale, per

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Congratulations are due the St. An-

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This eminent organization has enjoyed

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The date for this attraction has been

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the enterprise of the St. Andrew's So-

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Real estate continues to be very active. If you want to dispose of your property list it with Gillespie & Hart, 1115 Langley street, and you won't have to wait long for a buyer.

Band Concert, Victoria Theatre, Sunday next.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. Resolved: That I will have my photo taken at Foxall's studio, 1111 Government street. He has the latest styles.

JANUARY SALE OF MEN'S UNDERWEAR. "Penman's" brand of fleece-lined vests and drawers, sold regular at 50c, and 60c; January sale price 45c, a garment. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

New Year Specials—Rice, 4 lbs. for 25c, 9 lbs. for 50c, 20 lbs. for \$1.00; Sugar, 4 lbs. for 25c, 9 lbs. for 50c, 20 lbs. for \$1.00; Tapioca, 4 lbs. for 25c, 9 lbs. for 50c, 20 lbs. for \$1.00. E. B. Jones, Independent Cash Grocer, corner Cook and North Park Sts., Phone 112.

LACE BARGAIN. Wide and narrow valencienes, torchon, cluny, and imitation Maltese laces, regular 5c, 7c, 8 1/2c, and 10c; January sale price 3c, a yard. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates street.

To-morrow at 2 o'clock Stewart Williams & Co. will dispose of the whole of Capt. Hughes' furniture at Work Point barracks. Amongst the many valuable pieces to be put under the hammer are an exceedingly handsome specimen of a Sheraton sideboard and an elegant French cabinet by Bull. These two articles alone should draw connoisseurs of these kind of goods. A solid mahogany dining room table, several valuable old prints will be sold, and should attract keen competition. An upright grand piano by Heintzman & Co., and a good gramophone and records will be offered. The rest of the furniture, china and household linen are of first-class quality and will afford an excellent opportunity for those wishing to purchase first-rate goods at a reasonable figure. A Greener's double-barrelled 12 bore and steel centre salmon rod will also be disposed of. The sale will start sharp at 2 o'clock on account of the quantity of goods to be sold.

Oil makes the softest artificial light. Use a lamp and save your eyes. Big table lamps with round wick, \$3.50; smaller ones with flat wick, \$1 to 50c; hand lamps, 35c to 60c; bracket lamps, for 75c and \$1.25. A. R. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas street.

A. J. Cambie, C.P.R. divisional engineer, left this morning for Alberni to inspect the progress on railway work. He will be away until the end of the week.

E. A. Morris, the Government street tobacconist, will today occupy his new premises for the first time. They adjoin the store he has occupied for years, and when all the improvements now in progress have been completed the new establishment will be one of the finest of the kind on the coast.

DEPOSITS WITHDRAWABLE BY CHEQUE

The B. C. Permanent Loan Co. accepts deposits of one dollar and upwards, allowing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum on the minimum monthly balance. The full amount deposited, or any portion thereof, may be withdrawn without notice. For the convenience of depositors, cheques are supplied, which may be used as any other. Paid up capital, over \$1,000,000; assets, over \$2,000,000. Branch office, 1210 Government street, Victoria, B. C.

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Our Bicycle sale has been a success and we are satisfied, but there are a few wheels left, and a gold watch will be given free with each. We have 2 snaps in new drop-head sewing machines for Xmas.

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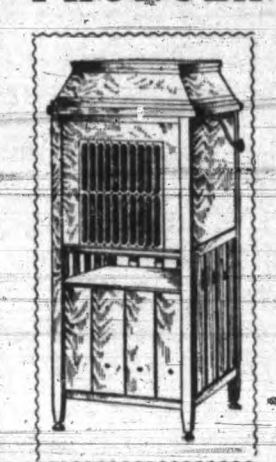
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LAW EXAMINATIONS.

Additional Names to the List of Successful Candidates at Recent Tests.

In addition to the results of the law examinations published in yesterday's paper the following gentlemen were successful in the first intermediate examination: W. D. Gillespie, P. A. Babbington, J. M. McLean and A. Dagnaghy.

G. V. Lawry who recently resigned his position as secretary of the Vancouver Island board of fire underwriters, will leave in a few days to take up a position at Salt Lake City as secretary to the similar body there. Mr. Lawry's successor here, H. R. Page, of Winnipeg, is expected to reach Victoria to-night.

The funeral of the late James Fraser took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the Victoria Undertaking Company, where Rev. W. Leslie Day conducted an impressive service. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: C. D. Smith, B. Davidson, B. Shaw and B. Baxter.

The report on the city's system of fire protection, made by C. E. Wagner, inspecting engineer for the board if fire underwriters of the Pacific, has been printed and copies may be obtained on application at the office of the association. Mr. Wagner's report goes very exhaustively into the whole subject and contains much information of value.

A meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held this evening in Labor hall, when final arrangements for the annual show, to be held from January 17th to 24th, will be made. The catalogues for the show are now on hand, and anyone may secure one on application to the secretary, W. E. Machtrieb. Entries for the show close on January 12th. All members are requested to be present to-night.

H. C. Gunson, A. R. D. Beaton, W. Forbes and P. Dickinson have formed a company to be known as the Victoria Cold Storage & Ice Company and acquired the premises formerly occupied by the B. Wilson Company on Store street. Extensive alterations are to be made to the premises and plant to bring them thoroughly up-to-date. There are twenty-three cold storage rooms. The ice-making plant will shortly be operated with a capacity of eight tons. P. Dickinson is to be manager of the company.

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JUVENILE COURT.

Pleasant Evening Spent by Youthful Members of Foresters' Lodge.

Court Excelsior, No. 1, of the Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters, gave a very successful entertainment last night in the A.O.F. hall. The court was opened at 8 o'clock p.m. sharp, with Chief Ranger Brother E. Lewis in the chair, and the usual business gone through.

The officers for the ensuing half year that were elected are as follows: Past Chief Ranger, E. P. Lewis; Chief Ranger, E. Nickolls; Sub Chief Ranger, H. Curtis; Senior Woodward, J. Davis; Junior Woodward, J. Curtis; Senior Beadle, Bro. Jenkins; Junior Beadle, N. S. Alexander.

Great praise was given to Bros. N. S. E. Alexander, J. Davis and W. Hicks of the committee for their arrangements for the pleasant evening that followed. Refreshments were served after the concert.

The Juvenile Foresters' file and drum band, just newly organized, rendered, excellent selections during the evening.

REV. WALLACE'S LECTURES.

Considerable Interest Aroused in Visit of British Divine.

A fair-sized audience heard an interesting lecture on "Man's Responsibilities," by Rev. J. Bruce Wallace, of London, England, in the Liberal rooms over Hall & Goss's last evening. A number of Socialists heckled the speaker, in an effort to controvert his argument that Socialism and Christianity must go hand in hand, as they have done in the past. Throughout his lecture the speaker dwelt upon the belief that the Divine influence was inseparably bound up with practical Socialism.

Mr. Wallace will speak again this afternoon at the same place, taking for his subject "The Dynamic Power of Thought." To-night he will give an address upon the development of Letchworth the Garden City of England and will show how a community living under the nearest approach to Socialistic conditions has made splendid progress.

A meeting of the instructors of the Boys' Scout brigade was held last night, when the patrol leaders and corporals were given their first lessons in samophone signalling.

A canvas is now being made of the auxiliary branches of the Vancouver Island Development League for the purpose of selecting the location for the holding of the annual meeting. At present Victoria and Nanaimo are the two places that seem to be in favor, but as the latter city is the most central it is expected that it will be chosen as the meeting place.

The annual meeting of the Men's Own Association of the First Congregational church was held last night. After a supper had been served the reports for the year from the various officers were heard. The reports all proved gratifying and showed that the church was in a prosperous condition. The following officers were elected to represent the class for the ensuing year: President, John Siskin; vice-president, S. Johnson; secretary, R. A. Robinson; treasurer, T. Liddard.

RECIPROCITY WITH OAK BAY DISTRICT

Trustees Make One-sided Arrangement With Outside Places.

A reciprocity treaty has been arranged between the city of Victoria and the municipality of Oak Bay. On motion of Trustee McNeill the board of trustees of the city recently decided to exclude the outside children from their schools. This was made to apply to Oak Bay as well as to the other districts.

As soon as attention was drawn to the way in which this would operate, an investigation was instituted and it was found that eighteen of the city children were attending the Oak Bay school, whereas not a dozen of the Oak Bay children were attending school in the city. Accordingly, to the manifest advantage of the city, it was decided to allow the present arrangement to continue.

In the other districts, however, where the balance was in favor of the city, the regulation was enforced and about half a dozen children have been excluded from attending school because their parents reside on the farther side of the city limits. One or two of the parents who were able to do so, purchased lots within the city in order that the continuity of their children's education might not be broken right in the middle of the term.

VANCOUVER ISLAND RESOURCES PICTURED

Pamphlet Now Being Prepared Will Be Full and Accurate.

The manuscript of the pamphlet which has been compiled by the Victoria Island Development League is being revised carefully by Frank E. Clark, of the Provincial Bureau of Information. The facts and figures are being compared with the statistics in the provincial departments, so that the information given to the public as to the resources of this island shall be absolutely accurate.

The pamphlet will make a handsome publication, illustrated with some 50 half-tone engravings, and will be the most complete ever issued, bearing on the island. It will be printed at the government printing bureau, and in its distribution the bureau of information and the board of trade will assist the development league.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

DOMINION.
A. White, Cumberland; J. Stark, Seattle; D. B. Powell, Miss Powell, Vancouver; Cora Hall, Boston; Reed, Easton, Eugene, Ore.; Dan Leahy, Olds, Alta.; James Story, Vancouver; The Theron, Fraser Mills; N. G. Allgren, Chicago; J. South, J. S. Doran, John Wallace, Vancouver; H. S. McKee, Squamish; T. J. Drain, Skidegate; A. K. Cope, Vancouver; W. E. Laraine, Winnipeg; Andrew Ross, Love, Glasgow; C. R. Gull, Vancouver; Jas. Crossan, Nanaimo; C. E. Bona, Alta.; James Knox, Seattle; A. W. Southam, C. Kennedy, Banfield; J. W. Williams, Port Renfrew; F. A. MacDonald, Alcyon, B.C.

EMPRESS.
W. A. Ward and wife, W. E. Green and wife, W. M. McKay, N. Burwell, P. Burns, C. T. Law, Bell Irving, G. H. Webster, W. Farrell, R. T. Cooper, A. B. Macgowan, J. E. McCreary, G. Ritchie, A. E. Erskine, R. S. A. Sandford, H. Holland, B. C. Harting, G. Buchanan, C. Doering, H. B. Martin, Vancouver; G. McLachlan, Banfield; W. McKenzie, P. H. Plimley, Toronto; G. A. Henderson, J. Buchanan, Vernon; J. A. Tallman, M. Jellett, Toronto; E. M. Farwood, Nanaimo; C. J. Byrnes, Tacoma.

DRIFD.
J. G. Billings, Sidney; Geo. T. Davis, Seattle; Capt. Bucholtz, Geo. A. Elvidge, W. W. Reed, Vancouver; H. R. Coombes, Winnipeg; W. Woodridge, Robt. Irving, W. A. Leithwaite, C. T. Rolston, Wm. A. Clarkson, Vancouver; G. A. Greenburg, Pittsburg; W. P. McGuthrie, Seattle; E. Abayot, Paris; R. M. Hopkinson, Sask.; A. B. Palmer, R. Balfour, Vancouver; W. D. Morris, Ottawa; O. M. McDonald, Vancouver.

KING EDWARD.
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BALMORAL.
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A meeting of the Young Women's Club of the Metropolitan Methodist church will be held to-night at 8 o'clock in the league room of the church, when R. S. Day will give an address on "Catherine."

The annual entertainment of the scholars of Christ Church cathedral Sunday school will be held to-morrow evening in the schoolroom. A short Epiphany service will be held at 6.45 o'clock, after which tea will be served. A good musical programme will be rendered by the children. The evening will be concluded with the distributing of gifts from the Christmas tree.

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FORMER BANKER NOW IN PRISON

C. W. Morse Begins Fifteen Years' Term—Wife Will Continue Fight.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—Charles Wyman Morse, former "Joe King" and millionaire banker, has commenced serving a 15-year sentence in the Atlanta federal prison for violation of the national banking laws. He made no protest when the cameras of the newspaper men were trained upon him as he started for the train from New York. He was placed in a cab and driven to the prison.

The prisoner turned over to the prison clerk \$15 in currency. He was assigned to "Class 1," which entitles him to the privilege of seeing relatives or friends for 30 minutes every two weeks. Morse probably will be assigned to the tailor shop or put to work on the construction gang.

Wife Will Fight.

New York, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Charles W. Morse will take up at once and on earnest the fight for his freedom. "Mrs. Morse continues to declare her belief that a crying injustice has been done the former banker and refuses to believe that he will be compelled to serve out his 15-year sentence. Mrs. Morse's efforts will be warmly seconded by Attorney Martin W. Littleton, who reiterated his declaration that he had by no means given up his fight for Morse's liberty."

LOCAL OPTION.

Domination Alliance Compiles Results of Voting in Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The latest returns compiled by the Dominion Alliance show that the result of voting throughout the province Monday is that 65 places decided in favor of local option. In 47 places it was defeated on account of the three-fifths clause. In eight places by-laws relating to local option were sustained, and in two places they were repealed. Local option therefore made a gain of 61 municipalities. In addition to the figures published, local option carried in Beckwith, Brussels, Dysart and Renfrew. Through an error Chapeau and Newboro were placed in the column as lost under the three-fifths clause. Old Springs additionally was lost owing to the three-fifths clause. Chapeau gave a majority against the by-law and so did Pembroke.

DEATH OF HOMESTEADER.

Saskatoon, Jan. 5.—Word has reached the city telling of the first death by freezing to take place in this district this winter. It comes from Zealandia, and states that a man named Thomas Russell, a homesteader, was hauling coal from town in company with a friend. They had gone some distance when the horses gave out, so the men unhitched the wagon and got on the horse backs. The animals could not make any headway, so Russell's partner went ahead to secure help for his friend. He also lost his way, and it was 3 o'clock in the morning before he reached a house, and by the time a rescue party found Russell he was frozen to death. It is also said that two other men are lost, but whether they have been located is not known. Travellers from the Goose Lake district state that Friday's storm was one of the worst to take place in that part of the country.



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THREATENS LIFE OF PROSECUTOR

Unknown Man Writes to Attorney Vanderveer of Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—"I am going to kill you," was the message brought through the mails yesterday to Prosecuting Attorney George F. Vanderveer, as a feature of his campaign of exposing graft and lawlessness. The letter was addressed to Mr. Vanderveer, "personally," and in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope the return note had been cut out. The letter, written in a neat hand, said:

"Mr. Geo. F. Vanderveer—Take this as your preparation to make peace with your God, for you are a marked man. You have caused suffering for humanity enough to make your eternity be in Hell. You caused suffering with me & mine that can never be righted, & I to-day stand a disgraced man before the eyes of the world. This is no black hand letter so leave the poor Dagoes alone. All of your dirty policeman and officials can never learn who I am, but I will watch my chance, & also watch every move you make. The chance will come & then I am going to kill you. If I swing for it I will know that I have been avenged. A DIS-GRACED MAN."

In the letter the word "kill" was underlined in light blue ink three times, in an effort to emphasize the threat. This is the second time since the commencement of the present grand jury that Mr. Vanderveer's life has been threatened. The other afternoon, as the prosecuting attorney was sitting in his office talking to a newspaper man, the telephone bells rang. Mr. Vanderveer answered it.

"What is that you say?" shouted the prosecuting attorney. "You will kill me? Well, I will have something to say about that myself."

The letter was placed in the hands of County Detective L. K. Church, who is making an investigation of the case.

GIRL COINER AND JUDGE.

Blows Him a Kiss After Being Sentenced.

A young woman belonging to a band of counterfeit coiners created a sensation at the Old Bailey, London, by blowing a kiss to Judge Rantoul which resounded through the court. This was her reply to a sentence of six months' hard labor.

Her name was Lydia Devine, and with her were associated Henry Mack, John Burgess and Frederick Harris. The prisoners were charged with having in their possession moulds and other coining implements, and counterfeit coins. The coining plant was found at Devine's house in Cooper's lane, Leyton.

Mack said he had only lodged in the house a short time, and was not aware of what went on. He was found not guilty and discharged.

Burgess and Harris were found guilty and previous convictions were proved.

Devine said she would like to prove that the two men were innocent of the charges.

The Judge, it's no use talking about that now. The jury have found them guilty. When did you begin coining? Five days before I was arrested. Entirely by yourself? Yes.

The Judge: Well, you are a very clever woman. I don't think anybody would pay much attention to that statement.

The two men were sentenced to eighteen months' hard labor. As they left the dock Harris said "Thank you," Burgess said "Thank you, and good luck, my lord," and Devine expressed herself in the manner reported above.

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- 16—Yates and Wharf Sts.
- 17—Government and Johnson Sts.
- 18—Victoria Theatre and Douglas St.
- 19—View and Blanchard Sts.
- 20—Spencer's Arcade.
- 21—Fort and Quadra Sts.
- 22—Yates and Cook Sts.
- 23—Rockland Ave. E. of St. Charles St.
- 24—Fort St. and Stanley Ave.
- 25—Fort St. and Richmond road.
- 26—Pembroke and Shakespeare Sts.
- 27—Pembroke and Quadra Sts.
- 28—Caledonia Ave. and Blanchard St.
- 29—Caledonia Ave. and Cook St.
- 30—Pembroke St. and Spring road.
- 31—Gladstone Ave. and Stanley Ave.
- 32—Douglas and Discovery Sts.
- 33—Government St. and Princess Ave.
- 34—King's road and Blanchard St.
- 35—Government and Douglas Sts. (June).
- 36—Oakland Fire Station.
- 37—Lemon and Gannan's Mill.
- 38—Store and Cormorant Sts.
- 39—Store and Discovery Sts.
- 40—Bridge and John Sts.
- 41—Craigflower road and Belton Ave.
- 42—Lime and Mary Sts.
- 43—Leigh's Mill.
- 44—Wilson and Russell Sts.
- 45—Bayward's Mill.
- 46—Gorge road and Garbally road.
- 47—Burnside road and Delta St.
- 48—Washington Ave.

NATIONS TO COMPETE WITH RIFLE IN MARCH

Americans Granted Use of Telescope Sights Asked For.

A dispatch from London says that riflemen from the United States, Australia and England are once more to compete for the honors of marksmanship at the international rifle match in England in March or April.

General satisfaction is expressed in England at the announcement, for rifle shooting has taken a great hold on Englishmen in the last year or two, since the movement started under the leadership of the veteran field marshal, Lord Roberts, for establishing rifle clubs in all populous centers.

It has been feared for some time that these international competitions were at an end, owing to the declaration of the president of the American National Rifle Association that the conditions of the contest handicapped the American team unduly.

General Drain, of the American headquarters staff, put the case before the British committee and asked that the United States men should be allowed to use telescope sights on their rifles as was their custom.

The English secretary wrote to Australia on this matter and the reply came back that Australia would agree to any conditions arranged to the satisfaction of the English authorities.

These have now been fixed up on an amicable basis, all that the Americans ask for being agreed to. H. Marks, secretary of the English Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, thus explains the situation in an interview:

"Our great aim," said Marks, "is to make riflemen of the young men of the British empire and America, and as we think these international competitions help us to attain this object, we are determined that no small obstacle shall prevent our annual contests."

"In our match in the early part of the year, America was undoubtedly severely handicapped. Their men could not do themselves justice when shooting without their usual telescopic sights."

"The American National Rifle Association naturally protested against this, and practically intimated that as they had no chance against either England or Australia if deprived of telescopic sights, it was useless for them to compete."

"We acknowledge the justice of this objection, and in the forthcoming contest each country will shoot under its own normal conditions."

"Thus our annual meetings are now assured, and in order to lend additional interest to them, Sir Thomas Dewar is presenting a challenge shield to be held by the winning country."

"It is marvelous," continued Marks, "how the movement has spread in England and Australia. The clubs affiliated to our society alone have a combined membership of over 250,000 young men. These international struggles excite a great deal of interest, and we sincerely hope to hear at an early date that there are as large a number of riflemen connected with the National Rifle Association in America."

"The value of the training is obvious. In future years, should the necessity ever arise, each of our countries will have an enormous army of expert marksmen, fully equipped to defend their homes."

VANCOUVER OUT OF THE HOCKEY LEAGUE

Bayfield's Suspension for a Year is Reason for Withdrawal.

Refusing to acknowledge the ruling of the B. C. Hockey Union in connection with the protest arising from the North Vancouver-Vancouver match played on the 20th ultimo, the Vancouver Hockey Club have expressed the desire to drop out of the league, and this desire will probably be sanctioned at a meeting of the union to be held in the near future. The ruling which led to the determination of the Vancouver club was with respect to Bayfield, who was suspended for a year for rough play. Since the announcement of the union's ruling the Vancouver club has been very much in the limelight. Its members protesting against the action of the union, and claiming that the union executive which considered the protest was not duly constituted. This argument has fallen to the ground, and the Vancouver club which was scheduled to play against North Vancouver on Saturday last decided to default the match, intimating at the same time that unless the union agrees to reconsider its ruling with respect to Bayfield (the suspended player) the club will drop out of the league.

BOXING BOUTS ARE POSTPONED AGAIN

Secretary Not Certain of Date—May Be Two Weeks.

There has been another postponement of the boxing bouts under the auspices of the Empress Athletic Club, and the tournament will probably not take place until two weeks' time. If there are any men in training for these bouts in Victoria they will be sadly overtrained by the time the tournament comes off. The men understood they were to be ready for the last night of the year, then the bouts were postponed, and the date was set for Friday night next, and now there is another postponement. This won't do the men's condition any good. The secretary, however, says that he can get a more interesting tournament by waiting and is in communication with cities of the

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Sound to get the athletic clubs there to send their men over. It might be better to stay with what there is at home. Those few cater to the local boxers expenses and they are not the best in the world, and there are always better ones in bigger cities. Spokane and Portland will cost a lot of money and they will send a few whirlwinds here that will surprise the idols of Victoria. It would be better to keep to the local interest and not go outside of British Columbia.

BOWLERS INCREASE SKILL IN DECEMBER

Fitzpatrick & O'Connell Cup Won by the Bears.

Bowling has been popular during the month of December and there have been many additional scores of 200. Altogether there were twenty-five bowlers who put up scores of 200 and over. The Fitzpatrick & O'Connell cup was won by the Bears. The twenty-five bowlers are:

- C. Steers, 217, 226, 248, 200, 204, 279,
- 213, 222, 213, 133, 204, 210, 205, 204, 205,
- 213, 214, 204, 217, 213, 201, 218, 217, 200,
- 203, 202, 203, 203, 200, 223, 204, 213, 221,
- 204, 224, 207, 209, 200,
- E. Fox, 207, 200, 200, 206, 217, 203, 204,
- 215, 205, 234, 204, 210, 213, 202, 219, 234,
- 219, 201, 217, 214, 223, 200,
- C. Matthews, 217, 208, 224, 213, 222,
- 248, 219, 220,
- H. W. Fraser, 202, 204, 217, 235, 217,
- A. Gibson, 210, 200, 205, 207,
- H. Jameson, 216, 203, 207, 202,
- T. Renfrew, 200, 203, 207, 208,
- W. Fairall, 214, 205, 220,
- H. Pettibone, 203, 202, 201,
- G. Firth, 208,
- A. Lang, 201, 202,
- H. Brewster, 222,
- A. H. Lamothie, 213,
- C. Brooks, 215,
- A. Morley, 213,
- J. Howard, 209,
- A. H. Popham, 210,
- J. Clinton, 203,
- P. Turner, 210,
- W. McFarr, 203,
- T. Cusack, 223,
- J. Anderson, 205,
- H. Bates, 203,
- J. Gassick, 223,
- H. Pike, 210,
- G. McInnis, 223,
- A. Thompson, 209,
- T. Hick, 206,
- M. G. Walsh, 209.

WRESTLER ILL.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Dr. B. F. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, is in a serious condition at the Mercy hospital, threatened with blood poisoning. He underwent an operation yesterday for boils which had become inflamed.

BASKETBALL AT THE Y. M. C. A. TO-NIGHT

Second and Junior Teams of Association and North Ward.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball room will be the scene of two basketball games to-night between teams of that association and teams of the North Ward Athletic Association. There will be a game in the second division and a game in the junior division of the city league between these teams and one game will follow the other, the first commencing at 8 o'clock and the other at the conclusion of the first.

The North Ward club will put the following teams on the floor to-night: For the second division game: Guards, F. Sweeney, Hillier; centre, Noel; forwards, McGregor and Taylor.

For the junior game: Guards, Bryndolson and Lane; centre, Robertson; forwards, Pike and Townsley.

Other games to be played to-night in the second division are: Cloverdale and Esquimalt, J. B. A. A. and Victoria West, Y. M. I. and Bankers.

To-night at the Institute hall the Y. M. I. basketball team will play the Bankers in a league match. A good game is expected, as both teams are evenly matched. The Y. M. I. team will line up as follows: Guards, J. McArthur, J. Cusanave; centre, M. Kopp; forwards, F. Brown and W. McArthur.

ELEVEN YEARS SPEECHLESS.

Woman's Remarkable Recovery of Her Voice.

A remarkable case of a dumb woman recovering her speech is reported from Leeds.

For eleven years Mrs. Ada Collingwood, aged thirty-three, the wife of a carpenter, had not been able to utter a single word. A fortnight after her marriage she had a paralytic seizure, which left her speechless. Doctors and specialists were consulted, but from none of them did she derive any benefit.

One morning recently, however, Mrs. Collingwood, after a fortnight's illness in bed, startled her father-in-law by suddenly uttering the word "the." Mr. Collingwood senior informed his son of what had occurred, and when the husband put questions to his wife he found that she was able to reply.

Slowly, but surely the woman, delighted as much as her husband at being able once again to give articulation to her thoughts, increased her vocabulary, until at last in simple language she was able to carry on a conversation. Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood have one child, a little ten-year-old girl named Doris, who until a few days ago had never heard her mother's voice.

The art of making type was discovered in Bohemia in 1460.

HAPPY CRIMINALS.

Penal Institution in Switzerland is a Veritable Garden of Eden.

Although the Swiss government has suppressed the luxurious jail at Thorburg, where the "convicts" did as they pleased, Switzerland has still another like it at Sarnen, in the Canton of Oswald. Here the happy criminals have a much better time than the "free" citizens who are forced to earn their daily bread. The men, who wear a dark blue uniform with white stripes, are often to be seen walking about the village or in the cafes, while some work leisurely at whatever they please. The money earned by them is their own, and they may spend it as they like. One man, who is a gardener for a local magistrate, sends his monthly salary to his wife and children.

The convicts are permitted to leave the prison early in the morning and find work around Sarnen. At nightfall they return of their own accord. They go about unaccompanied by wardens, and nothing prevents their escape. However, the men are so comfortably housed and so well fed that they have no wish to leave the prison.

Still, two or three convicts did escape a few weeks ago. They returned, however, in a half-famished condition, and were allowed to occupy their "apartments" at a severe reprimand. One man was discharged recently. He remained in Sarnen for the purpose of continuing to earn money as a bricklayer. But "colleagues" objected so strongly to his staying there that he begged for his prison dress and asked to be permitted to resume his status as a convict.

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\$4,500—2 FINE WATER FRONT RESIDENTIAL LOTS, 50x120 ft. and 50x170 ft.; terms.
\$200—BELMONT AVE., good building lot, 50x55, or will submit any reasonable offer.
\$400—WORK ESTATE, several lots, 60x120 and 60x150 ft.; easy terms.
\$900—VINO ST., building lot, 60x120 ft.
\$5,000—CHAMBERLAIN ST., new 7 roomed house, lot 50x120, electric light, bath, furnace, basement, etc.; an honestly built residence; terms.
\$5,000—WILSON ST., 6 roomed house, also small cottage, 2 lots, 50x125, greenhouse; terms.

ALD. HENDERSON MEETS ELECTORS

MAYORALTY CANDIDATE EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

He Favors Passage of Water
By-Law—W. E. Oliver
Present.

Owing possibly to the cold weather, there was not a large attendance at the A.O.U.W. hall last night to hear Ald. Anton Henderson speak in support of his candidature for mayor, and those who did turn out had the opportunity of hearing Ald. Henderson very fully, and also W. E. Oliver, who, at the invitation of Ald. Henderson, ascended the platform and explained the remedy of the water question as proposed by him.

Mr. Oliver was received in a mixed way, but after answering a number of questions there was quite a considerable applause given him, although he did not convince all who were present.

Ald. Henderson had finished his speech, had answered a number of questions and when about to sit down mentioned the water board scheme as suggested by Mr. Oliver. His reference was against the plan, and an elector at the rear of the hall excepted to his remarks, whereon Ald. Henderson, seeing Mr. Oliver in the hall, invited him to come forward and explain his plan for settlement of the water question to the electors. Mr. Oliver thanked Ald. Henderson for the opportunity, and outlined his plan, as previously given before electors. He said during his speech that if a water board was formed it would be necessary to take in every source of supply to which Ald. Henderson replied: "That is what I thought. It is a scheme to buy out the Esquimalt Waterworks Company."

Mr. Oliver, however, explained to the audience that he has no investment in the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and was not a shareholder. In replying Ald. Henderson said he did not know in any water board, but stood by his plan as outlined in his speech. Both the speakers were well received by those present.

Ald. Henderson, introduced by the chairman, Keith Wilson, in a few words, addressed the meeting as follows:

"I would like to delay this meeting a little longer till the seats are filled, but I'll open the meeting by telling why I am here. As a mayoralty candidate I thought it only fit and proper that you should hear from me direct. It gives a better idea to hear the candidate personally than to read his remarks in the papers. I'll try and be as brief as possible.

"Now, in presenting myself for the important office of mayor I have thoroughly considered the duties and responsibilities, and if I had not thought I could successfully fill the office I would not have consented to present my name to the electors. I have been three years an alderman, and I feel I should give some account of my stewardship. This last year I have been connected with the financial department. I am pleased to say it is well and carefully managed. There is no fraud that you read about in other cities. There is a conscientious and able set of men in charge. The staff must be added to as the work increases, and there is nothing saved by stinting.

"The public works department has been under a great deal of just criticism. In order to carry it on in an efficient manner it is necessary to have a good man, with full authority. It will be up to the next council to see that a capable man is secured. A man that can put the department into proper shape. The waste of money in that department has been attributed to many things. The great waste has been by mistakes of officials from the highest down to a disadvantage. We have been working at a disadvantage. We voted early in the year \$4,000 for street repair. That money was expended two months ago, and I fail to see where it has been expended. I do not blame ratepayers for finding fault. The local improvement work has gone forward quickly. We have been able under that system to pave and boulevard. The people are paying four-fifths of the cost, and this ought to reduce the rate of taxation. The general rate should and can be reduced. The only way the city can build up its streets is by this means.

"The fire department has an efficient head and is now in a thoroughly good position. There has been a 36 per cent. insurance rate reduction. I have no doubt a further reduction can be obtained. The salt water system is not in working order yet, but that is not the fault of the mayor and council. The engines and pumps are not up to specifications, and our engineer refused to accept them. The company has not been paid yet, and won't be until the machinery is up to the mark. The police force is competent and efficient, but I think there are things they might look after better than they do, but I don't blame the department for that. If the police commissioners gave the instructions the chief would have them carried out. The cost is increasing, but that is owing to the growth of the city.

"There is a by-law before you to vote \$154,000 for the school board, and I think it is our duty to prepare for educating the young. I hope the people will always keep the education of the young in mind. In the health department there is expense, especially in regard to the isolation hospital. We can't afford to let it go down. There is a movement afoot to get the Jubilee hospital to take it over. The incoming council can deal with it. The scavenger system is in an unsatisfactory state. The work is principally in the hands of Chinamen. There should be a system compelling people to keep their yards clean. We are getting rid of our refuse at less than one-half the cost to Vancouver.

"Regarding the public parks board the council felt it was a fifth wheel to the coach and from the first of the year it will pass out of existence. If elected I will place the parks in the hands of a committee of the council. Under the old law it could never work satisfactorily. The council should control the funds. I think we are satisfied with the work done on the parks and visitors have admired the uniformity of our boulevards.

"The cemetery will have to be added to soon. There was a by-law turned down that would have provided for the purchase of an adjacent piece of ground. This will be a matter for the new council. The Market building has not been used for its original purpose but I believe it can now be made successful, and it is up to the incoming council to open it up as a public market.

"The water system. Elk Lake water is very good, but we won't have enough soon. I think Elk lake could be added to, but that would be a temporary matter. I think we should provide for the future, and the council has put a by-law before electors asking for \$1,500,000. Objections have been raised to putting this by-law before the people now. I think now is the opportune time. It is said—people won't support it as they don't know what it is for. I think we should provide for the future, and the council has put a by-law before electors asking for \$1,500,000. Objections have been raised to putting this by-law before the people now. I think now is the opportune time. It is said—people won't support it as they don't know what it is for. I think we should provide for the future, and the council has put a by-law before electors asking for \$1,500,000. Objections have been raised to putting this by-law before the people now. I think now is the opportune time. 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THREE YEARS MORE FOR FRANK FULLER

Pleads Guilty to Charge of Stealing From the Peschawa.

Frank Fuller, on remand, charged with stealing five hams and five sides of bacon from the sailing schooner Peschawa, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning and was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Fuller obtained a remand yesterday morning to obtain legal representation in court. This morning, however, no lawyer appeared for him and he did not prolong the case.

The hams and bacon were taken from the schooner while the steward left the boat to go up town and trace his dog which had been taken from the schooner. While away he left the stores unlocked. The case against Fuller was that he stole them and sold them afterwards. The value of the plunder was \$30. Fuller now goes to the local jail for the second time. He was sentenced to six months for being implicated in the theft of liquor from a bonded warehouse in the city.

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JAPANESE LEGISLATOR JOINS SALVATION ARMY

Arizo Muramatsu Publicly An- nounces His Conversion to Christianity.

(Times Licensed Wire.)

Tokio, Jan. 5.—Arizo Muramatsu, who was expelled from the Japanese House of Commons owing to his conviction of implication in the recently barred sugar scandals in which several national legislators were concerned, was converted to Christianity to-day and joined the Salvation Army in a dramatic public speech. His connection with the sugar scandals which bereft him of his political honors, is said to have preyed heavily on his mind. Recently he attended a meeting of the Salvation Army, where, what was said and done at a subsequent meeting he attended paved the way for a dramatic scene at the army headquarters here. Before a large audience of Japanese and Europeans, the former legislator rose to his feet and made startling confessions. He announced his conversion to Christianity and publicly declared his intention of adhering to the future to the tenets of that faith. Following the meeting, Muramatsu enrolled as an active member of the Salvation Army.

GERMAN NAVAL ESTIMATES FOR YEAR

Programme Includes Three Battleships and Battle- ship Cruiser.

The Imperial German estimates for the financial year 1910, which will begin on April 1st, were published recently in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The main features are an increase of 2½ millions on the total naval vote; the laying down of three battleships, a battleship cruiser, two small cruisers, and other light craft; an increase of 10 per cent. in the vote for hulls and machinery, making the total £7,250,000, of 17 per cent. on armament, and of 30 per cent. on submarine craft and new docks at Wilhelmshaven. The demands for the navy amount altogether to £21,704,413, and show increases on the aggregate and in most items of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure. The plan for the current expenditure, due chiefly to salaries and fees, is £13,000. For maintenance of ships in commission the addition is £226,099, to upkeep of the fleet and of the navy yards, an increase of £50,000; and to armaments and fortifications, an increase of nearly £100,000.

The year expenditure on new construction for ships and armaments is estimated at £12,170,000, an increase of £118,500. The construction of new ships represents £7,250,000 of this sum and the excess over last year's estimates amounts to £750,000. We notice as special items fourth and final instalments for the battleships Rheinland and Posen, and for the large cruiser Von der Tanne; third instalments for the battleships Ostfriesland, Helgoland, and Ersatz Booswald, as well as for the large cruiser G. third, and final, instalments for the small cruisers Koin and Augsburg; second instalments for the ships Ersatz Hildhof, Ersatz Hildebrand, Ersatz Heimdall, and the large cruiser H. as well as for the small cruisers Ersatz Bismarck and Ersatz Falke; second, and final, instalments for a tender for the experimental torpedo boats; first instalments for the line ships Ersatz Haken, Ersatz Agier, Ersatz Odin, for the large cruiser J. the small cruisers Ersatz Cormoran and Ersatz Condor. There is, further, a second, and final, instalment for the torpedo-boats, and a demand of £550,000 (an increase of £200,000) for the construction of submarines and for the experiment with them. The ordnance equipment will cost £3,750,000 (an increase of £520,000); the torpedo armament, £464,000 (an increase of £45,000) while savings of nearly £100,000 are to be effected over last year's estimates. In the expenditure for building alterations and minor works, £1,000,000 are to be effected over last year's estimates. Less money than last year is also demanded for the administration of the ordnance department, for torpedo boats, general, for mines, hospitals, and for several other items.

As regards the extraordinary expenditure, it is hoped that the shipbuilding yards will not cost more than £672,500, which would be £82,000 less than last year. The additions, and extensions of the naval yards projected concern the port of Helgoland, dry docks at Wilhelmshaven (first and additional instalment), enlargement of the yard at Wilhelmshaven (tenth instalment). There are, further, various new constructions planned at Kiel, among which we notice a floating crane, which is to cost £14,500, and a shop for turbine construction on which £5,000 are to be spent. The extraordinary estimates affect also the ordnance department for which £218,000 are demanded, £42,000 more than last year, and the mine, torpedo, and hospital departments, in all of which savings are to be realized. The acquisition of new ground is to cost £52,000, £11,000 less than last year. In spite of these various economies the total extraordinary expenditure of £5,690,800, representing an increase of £147,500 on last year's estimates. The distinction of ordinary and extraordinary demands renders it difficult to get a clear idea of the actual grants to be made for special purposes; but that is so in most budgets. Although the majority of the members of the Reichstag are probably in favor of giving the Imperial government all the money which they will demand for the navy, the recent disclosures of maladministration at Kiel will certainly lead to a close scrutiny of many items.—Engineering.

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ENGLISH LUTHERANS TO BUILD CHURCH

Congregation Decides Upon This Move—Negotiating for Site.

Following the organization of the congregation of Grace English Lutheran church, the need of a new building has pressed itself upon those connected with the church.

Owing to the rapid growth of the city and the incoming of many Lutherans, it has been deemed advisable to erect a large church.

At a meeting of the members of the congregation held last night in the school room of the First Presbyterian church it was decided to purchase a site for a building and to commence the construction as soon as all arrangements can be made. Several sites were suggested at the meeting, and after some discussion one was decided on. It is in a district where at present there are no churches, but yet centrally located.

If arrangements suitable to the congregation can be made with the owners of the property it will be purchased. It was, however, left to the church council to decide, who with the trustees of the church were appointed as a building committee to carry out the plans. By leaving everything in the hands of this committee it will not be necessary to call meetings of the congregation.

All the members present were unanimous in their opinion that a new church was a necessity. They are therefore resolved to devote their energies in that direction.

TARIFF REFORM WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

(Continued from page 1.)

ence of several members of the cabinet, told him the probable method would be to demand from the King a letter accepting a condition, without which Mr. Asquith will refuse to resign office, namely, that sufficient life peers be created to pass through the Lords forthwith a radical measure providing that all finance bills shall become law by assent of the Commons and the King alone, while in general legislation, the Lords' veto will be annulled after a substantial interval, say of two years.

Sir William Anson maintains that any such step would be an unconstitutional use of brute force, and demands that Mr. Asquith come out into the open. There are also demands that Messrs. Balfour and Asquith both be pressed to accept or reject Lord Rosebery's reasonable measure of reform of the Lords, which many of the most influential peers themselves accept.

Tariff Reform. Another significant defection is announced. John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor party at Gateshead, has resigned the vice-chairmanship of that party. He says: "I hear some one shriek, 'You will be helping tariff reform.' Precisely. I was never enamored of the free trade fetish. Those who say the workers would be worse off as the result of a change in the fiscal system, display a wanton ignorance of the present condition of the people."

Capt. Kincaid Smith, an ex-Radical M. P. for Stratford-on-Avon, who is speaking now on tariff reform, says: "Though formerly a believer in free imports, I have been forced to the conclusion that arguments applicable to a generation ago have no value. By tariff reform we gain better treatment in foreign markets, more work and more wages for Englishmen, a realization of the policy of Imperial preference, and above all, something really effective towards reducing unemployment."

Empire Defence. Mr. Blatchford, the sale of whose pamphlet on German naval menace already exceeds half a million, creates some stir in Unionist circles by the declaration in his Socialist journal, the Clarion, that though he wrote his articles for the Daily Mail, he does not believe the Unionists mean to put Imperial safety before party advantage.

"If the electorate is going to return the Tories to power under the impression that tariff reform and Dreadnoughts will save the Empire, the electorate is trusting to a rotten reed." Upon which a Radical paper remarks: "Lord Lansdowne must find Blatchford a most uncomfortable bed-fellow. He kicks."

Martin's Confident. Joseph Martin, the former premier of British Columbia, who is running as the Liberal candidate in East St. Pancras division, thinks he has a chance of being elected. He will know where he stands on January 17th.

Donald MacMaster believes himself a winner, hands down. Hamar Greenwood cannot see where he can get left.

Two Liberal candidates are to be run by the City of London Liberal Association in opposition to Mr. Balfour and Sir Frederick Bagnall.

There are 64 elections to be held on January 15th, including 18 in London, 35 in Manchester and seven in Birmingham. The results ought to give an indication as to how the rest will go.

Unionists are opening shops for the exhibition of foreign-made goods, which have attained considerable success as an electrifying factor.

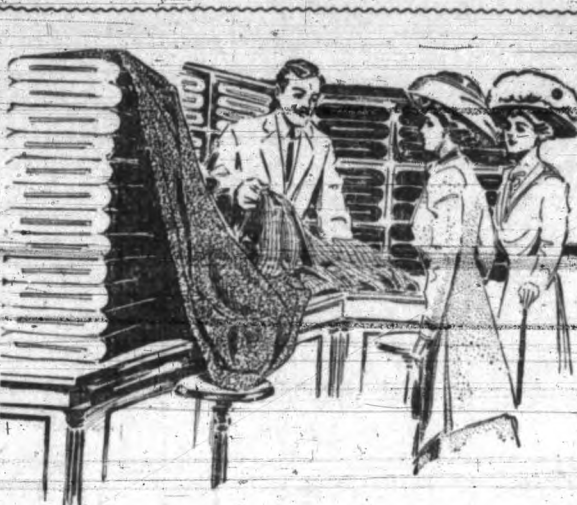
The divorce suit of Smith vs. Smith is at hearing to-day in camera before Chief Justice Hunter.

Leo Buchanan, Vancouver, was admitted as a solicitor and called to the Bar this morning before Chief Justice Hunter. H. D. Heinicke, K.C., presented the new advocate on behalf of the Law Society.

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Grape Fruit	4 50
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Berries, per box	2 00
Malaga Raisins, 25 lbs.	3 00
Oranges (Tangerine), per box	2 50
Pineapples, per doz.	3 00

"ENGLISH DREYFUS" IS DEAD IN POVERTY

Amazing Career of Adolf Beck, Victim of London's Police.

Adolf Beck, the victim of one of the most remarkable miscarriages of justice in modern times, is dead, in the Middlesex hospital from bronchitis and pneumonia. He was destitute.

The story of Beck's wrongful imprisonment stirred so much public comment and indignation five years ago that it earned him the name of the "English Dreyfus."

He was born in Norway, but spent a considerable part of his life in England on business connected with the mining industry. In 1895 he was arrested on a charge of defrauding women, and was sentenced at the Old Bailey in the following year to seven years' penal servitude.

He served five years and a half, protesting his innocence all the while, and was released; then, however, he was arrested again in 1904 on a similar charge. Again he was convicted; but, providentially for him, Mr. Justice Grantham, deferred his sentence, and while he was in custody awaiting his second commitment to prison another man was arrested on a similar charge, and happened to pass in front of him.

The man was not his double; this was the strange part of the case for Beck had been identified by several women as being his double, but the stranger walked like Beck, and had a small scar on his face, which several of the women said they remembered.

This almost miraculous chance meeting of the two men saved Beck a further term in prison and cleared his name. The haunting yet elusive likeness between the men induced Inspector Kane to begin exhaustive police inquiries, which proved beyond doubt that Beck had suffered for the crimes of another man.

He was granted a "free pardon" which established his innocence; but his business had been ruined, and in consideration of this he was offered a "solatium" of £2,000 by the treasury.

Public indignation and sympathy had been so aroused, however, by his case that the solatium was on every hand pronounced insufficient, and he was finally awarded £5,000. Since receiving his award he lived in comparative seclusion, never regaining the health which he lost during his undesired imprisonment.

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CLEOPATRA'S GRAVE.

The discovery has been made that Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, lies buried in Paris, a stone's throw from the Stock Exchange, says a Paris dispatch.

In vouching for the truth of this revelation an anonymous writer states that under a glass case in the cabinet of medals of the Bibliotheque Nationale is an Egyptian sarcophagus, and Egyptologists are positive that the in-

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